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SUBJECT: PROPOSED POLITICAL CHIEFS' CONFERENCE

REFS: (A) ISLAMABAD 1070; (B) NEW DELHI 1575

1. DEPARTMENT HEARTILY ENDORSES ISLAMABAD'S PROPOSAL FOR A POLITICAL CHIEFS' CONFERENCE IN MARCH (REF A).
2. ALTHOUGH WE WISH TO LEAVE THE MECHANICS OF ARRANGING THE CONFERENCE UP TO THE EMBASSY AND THE OTHER POSTS INVOLVED, WE FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED IF CONFERENCE WERE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM AMEMBASSIES KATHMANDU AND COLOMBO. (WE ARE REPEATING REFTELS TO THOSE POSTS.)

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3. WE WOULD LIKE TO SECOND NEW DELHI'S SUGGESTION (REF B)

THAT POLICY PAPERS ON SOUTH ASIA AND INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES
IN REGION NOW BEING PREPARED IN DEPARTMENT BE DISCUSSED AT
THE CONFERENCE. WE WILL SEND A COPY OF THE SOUTH ASIA
PAPER DRAFT (ALREADY SENT TO SOUTH ASIAN POSTS) TO TEHRAN
AND WILL POUCH MULTIPLE COPIES OF AVAILABLE INDIVIDUAL
COUNTRY PAPERS TO ISLAMABAD IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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